

Recommendation as this court's Memorandum and Order. Fed R. Civ. P. 72(b); 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C); *United States v. Wilson*, 864 F.2d 1219 (5th Cir. 1989).

The plaintiff's motion for attorney's fees, (Docket Entry No. 22), is granted. The court finds that the appropriate hourly rate is \$224.80 for 2023 and 2024. The court further finds that the plaintiff's attorney is entitled to compensation for 42.85 hours of work in 2023 and 2024, for a total award of \$9,632.68.

The defendant must pay the plaintiff, Niurka Maria Garcia Andre, attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act in the amount of \$9,632.68. The defendant must make the check payable to Niurka Maria Garcia Andre and mail the check to the address of the plaintiff's attorney, Michael Kelly, at Morgan & Weisbrod, L.L.P., P.O. Box 821329, Dallas, Texas, 75382-1329. Payment is due no later than **April 4, 2025**.

SIGNED on February 26, 2025, at Houston, Texas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lee H. Rosenthal", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lee H. Rosenthal
Senior United States District Judge